

Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) Preliminary State Plan

Section 10

Sec. 254 (a) IN GENERAL - The State plan shall contain a description of each of the following:

(10) If the State received any payment under title I, a description of how such payment will affect the activities proposed to be carried out under the plan, including the amount of funds available for such activities.

Recommended Language

Pursuant to the Act and in anticipation of receiving full funding for Title I, money will be distributed to provide for punch card replacement for each county that was using a punch card voting system in the 2000 general election. Section 6 details how the federal funds will be spent to meet the requirements of Section 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).

Arizona has initiated the "Arizona – Adios Chad" Program to facilitate punch card buyout. There are nine counties in the state that will require new voting systems. The secretary of state will lead a statewide procurement effort to acquire these systems. The scope of Adios Chad will be the replacement of voting systems, in which the secretary of state will work with county election officials to ensure that all needs are met, including but not limited to:

- device acquisition;
- system maintenance;
- election preparation services; and
- election tabulation services

The secretary of state will act as contract administrator to maximize the purchasing power. The counties will own, operate, and work with the vendor to maintain the new voting systems and retain control of election services at the county level.

The secretary of state will implement a statewide voter registration system to comply with the HAVA Title III. Working with the county recorders and state election officials, the state will define functional requirements, and roles and responsibilities of carrying out the functions of voter registration. The system will serve as the single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered at the state level. This is a priority of the state's activities that is second only to the removal of all punch card systems. Should any Title I funds remain after the replacement of punch card systems, those funds will be allocated as described in the section 6.

The committee recommends that any remaining funds will be used for the other programs described in Title I section 101 (b) (1) in accordance with the priorities established by this committee. Section 6 of the State Plan details how the funds will be allocated.